

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 9896.149.0

Ralph A. Chappa, et al.

Application No.: 10/028,518

Examiner: Hai Vo

Filed: December 21, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1771

For: REAGENT AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING COATINGS ON SURFACES

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant's representatives would like to thank Examiner Vo for extending them the courtesy of a personal interview on September 15, 2006, to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if he believes this Statement contains any inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes the Statement is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Hai Vo; (2) Applicant's attorney, John Dolan; (3) Applicant's attorney, Matthew Graham; (4) Applicant's attorney, Mia Mendoza; and, by telephone, (5) Dr. Pete Duquette of SurModics.

Agreement was reached during the interview. Specially, Applicant's attorneys and the Examiner agreed that the amendment described below and a supporting affidavit regarding porosity would overcome the rejection.

No exhibit or model was shown during the interview.

Claims 22, 29, 36, 42, 43, 46, and 54 were discussed during the interview.

The following references were discussed: U.S. 5,414,075 to Swan et al., U.S. 6,077,698 to Swan et al., and U.S. 6,669,994 to Swan et al.

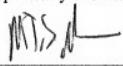
An amendment to claims 22, 29, 36, 42, 43, 46, and 54 to recite that the porosity of the porous support surface is preserved after the polymerization of the monomers was discussed during the interview.

The general discussion offered during the interview involved the Applicant's assertion that, among other deficiencies, the cited references did not anticipate nor render obvious independent claims 22, 29, 36, 42, 43, 46, and 54.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

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Respectfully submitted,


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